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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know whether the report will be placed on the table of the House ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I will consider the suggestion."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know when the report will be considered and how long it will take for the Government to pass orders ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"The report was received some months ago and the Government are now considering the question. The Government will come to a conclusion in the course of a few days, say, a week, in all probability."

Classified species in the reserved forests, South Kanara district.

11-15 a.m. *56 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether any orders have been passed in regard to the reduction in the number of classified species in the reserved forests in South Kanara as recommended by the Chief Conservator ?

A.—The Chief Conservator has proposed that the number of species proscribed from cutting should be reduced as an incentive for such panchayats as may be newly formed. But as no new panchayats have since been formed, there has been no occasion to reduce the list.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know whether Government will consider the desirability of reducing the number of classified species in the reserved forests in the interests of the people living near those reserved forests ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"The recommendation of the Chief Conservator is that if new panchayats are to be formed the number of species should be reduced. He does not consider it necessary to reduce it generally or even in the case of the old panchayats. The Government see no reason to differ from the recommendation of the Chief Conservator."

Jails

Diet in the jails from March to October 1930.

*57 Q.—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the diet given in each of the jails from March to October 1930 with special reference to boiled or raw rice and buttermilk ;

(*b*) whether there is a variation of diet between jail and jail, and if so, what is the reason for such variation ;

(*c*) what is the incidence of sickness in various jails in respect of each ailment or disease during the above period ;

(*d*) whether there has been an increase of dysentery or scurvy in any of the jails, and if so, what was the reason for such increase ;

(*e*) whether any of the prisoners have protested against the kind or quality of food supplied to them ; and

(*f*) in how many cases such defects were rectified ?